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METHOD AND APPARATUS**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 FROM THE DECISION OF THE  
EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, wherein the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-13 and 15-55 of the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$500.00, and any additional fees which may be required, to Account No. 01-0857, Order No. 03-AB-059/YOD (ALBR: 0134).

**General Authorization for Extensions of Time**

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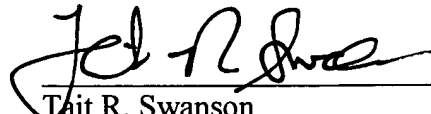
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